

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and fellow senators, I just rise to support Senator Elmer's amendment which I have cosponsored and I will...I will speak, I think, primarily to the last part of the amendment which deals with the flood control or sediment control structures that Senator Elmer mentioned. The crux of the...or the purpose of that amendment is that, as you all know, we have many flood control structures in this state. We have many which are in the process of being permitted or that need to be permitted and the Department of Water Resources issues those permits. Under the language of 871, as it was before this amendment, only very, very small flood control structures could be built until a date in the future which I think was January 1 of '97 or until the Game and Parks' application on the Platte River was concluded. This amendment allows for the DWR to permit flood control or sediment control structures which would not make any consumptive use of the impounded water. So the intent is that structures which truly have a flood control or sediment control purpose that would not allow for a consumptive use of the water could be permitted by the Department of Water Resources without affecting the Game and Parks Commission. And I would like to take just a minute to thank...there was a lot of effort that went into this simple little amendment, this last part of 871. We were at kind of a stalemate here trying to figure out how flood control structures that had money appropriated for them and which are greatly needed for public safety purposes; how those could be built with the Game and Parks application on the Platte River. Game and Parks came in. We had NRD people in. We had interested senators all working together to try to find a solution to this dilemma and everyone was most cooperative and wanted to try to find a solution and I think...I think this will provide a reasonable solution to the problem and allow some of these structures to go forward, which are very badly needed, without having any effect on the future division of water in the Platte River. I urge the body to adopt the amendment 2241. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. There are no other lights to speak to the amendment. Senator Elmer, would you care to close? He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the amendment to LB 871. All in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Elmer and Bromm's amendment.